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For: RAPID IDENTIFICATION OF MICROBIAL  
GENOTYPES AND PHENOTYPES

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Response to Restriction Requirement begin on page 22 of this paper.